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In re Application of:

Kiaj-Ming Lo et al.

Examiner: Deberry, R.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 25, 2002, Applicant's hereby elect with traverse Group 1..

The Examiner is urged to withdraw the restriction requirement because it has not been established that an undue searching burden would be required to examine the full scope of the claims.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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